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Romulus City Council members reviewed this architectural rendering of the proposed Michigan Downs racetrack.

Track races to public hearing

Scott Spielman
Editor

Romulus officials hope to host a public hearing July 30 regarding a proposed racetrack and clubhouse that could see construction later this year.

The track, called Michigan Downs, would be developed on a 212-acre site north of I-94. It would be located off Vining Road, between Smith on the north and Wick Road on the south.

It would cost at least \$80 million to build and be constructed in three phases, according to Jim McAlpine, president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Magna Entertainment Group, the firm developing the project.

"We're delighted to be working with the city on this," he told the combined members of the

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Jim McAlpine

city council and city planning commission Monday night in a study session.

The developers were there looking for a preliminary concept approval, which is a step that can be added to the Planned Development Agreement (PDA) process, according to City Planner Cynthia Lyon.

"It's basically a benefit for the applicant," she said. "It'll help smooth the process."

The first phase of the racetrack would include the race-

track itself, a building for grooms and more than 24 barns for horses, according to Lorne Kumer, vice president of real estate for Magna. It would also include a 24,000-square foot office building, which was a condition of the PDA. The racetrack includes a 145,000 square foot entertainment center that could safely house about 5,700 customers, he said. The 24 barns would house 756 horses.

That's just the beginning of the project, he said. The second phase includes an expansion of the track to include a harness racing track; an additional building for grooms' quarters and more barns and expanded parking.

The final phase of the project,

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Council OK's use of chemicals to curtail West Nile

City of Romulus officials hope the key to combating the West Nile Virus is stopping the biting pests that cause it before they take to the air.

The city will spend about \$10,000 fighting the disease this year by treating catch basins with a larvicide that shortens the already brief life span of mosquitoes, which transmit the disease.

"The whole purpose of this is to, as much as we can, contain the West Nile Virus," said Mayor Alan Lambert.

Carl Brooks, director of public works for the city, said the best way to combat the pests is through larvicide pouches and mosquito control briquettes. The city will pay \$550 per case of the larvicide and \$586.53 per case of the briquettes, two expenditures approved Monday night by the Romulus City Council.

"This is similar to the program that the City of Westland is using," he said.

Department of Public Works (DPW) employees will begin treating the catch basins as soon as the insecticide arrives, Brooks said. It's a fairly safe procedure, and doesn't even require addi-

tional safety equipment. They simply toss the plastic pouches into the retention ponds or other bodies of water and allow them to dissolve. The chemical only harms mosquito larvae, he said.

"There's no danger to the public," Brooks said. "There's no spraying involved, so nothing is breathable."

The pouches come in cases with 800 doses. The bricks are packaged 200 to a case. Brooks said he wasn't sure exactly how many the city would be able to purchase, but said the city had already approved \$10,000 to fight the disease.

"To do it right, it'll take every bit of that," Brooks said.

The West Nile Virus received a lot of attention last year. Generally, the virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, according to a web site set up by the Center for Disease Control. Mosquitoes are carriers that become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread the virus to humans and other animals when they bite, the web site said.

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Water and sewer rates to increase 12 percent

Scott Spielman
Editor

Water and sewer rates are going up again.

Romulus city officials could do little more than shake their heads Monday night as they passed along an increase to the water and sewer rates to city residents.

The rates have escalated during recent years as the Detroit Water and Sewer Board struggles with the expense of updating its system.

The new rate for residential sewer systems is \$14.36 per thousand gallons, up from \$12.83 last year. That's about a 12-percent increase. For non-residential sewer charges, the cost will be \$15.13 per thousand gallons, up from \$13.52, also a 12 percent increase.

In addition, city home and business owners will be charged \$14.50 per thousand gallons of water, up from \$13.04 for last

year. The flat rate charge increased from \$60 to \$67, according to Clerk Linda Choate. That's a 12 percent increase, too.

Communities throughout Wayne County have been facing huge water and sewer rate increases passed along by the Detroit Water and Sewer Board. Some communities have had to increase their rates by as much as 25 percent, although others, like Westland, were able to absorb some of the increases with only a 6 percent increase to residents.

This year, Detroit hiked a 27.16 percent increase in water rates to suburban customers.

"When the water rates go up, the sewer rates go up, too," Choate said.

Council Chairperson Randolph Gear said he sympathized with residents.

"The rate just keeps going up," he said. "A lot of people aren't going to water their grass this summer."



Special guests

Students at Cory Elementary School in Romulus enjoyed some very special guests who helped them celebrate the last day of school recently. Barnyard Express brought a portable petting zoo including goats, sheep, pigs and calves to entertain and educate students. Getting as close to one 'guest' as possible were, from left, Michaelaena Miller, Gabby Miller, Briana Bohannon, Shaom Washington Amber Sears, Ashley Fowler, Kyra Nichols, Andrew Kilby, Caitlin Lefler and Sidney Foster.

High note Area chorus wins in competition

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Members of the County Connection Chorus recently competed against 18 other choral groups from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana and brought home a trophy and two medals for their efforts. The group placed first in its division and fourth place overall, according to member Jennifer Jones.

The chorus, which is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, is a women's a cappella

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Jennifer Jones

group from Ypsilanti. Members hail from 13 different communities, including Belleville, Westland and Canton Township. Their repertoire includes Broadway classics, pop, gospel and barbershop standards.

It formed in 1975 as The Ann Arbor Chorus, and the name changed to the County Connection Chorus in 1994 to reflect the five different counties from which members came at that time, Jones said.

"We still have members who were part of the original group," Jones said.

Jones said the most recent competition took place in Cleveland, where the singers were judged on mastery of notes, words, expression, choreography, sound and showmanship. Jones said the judges were from all over the country and trained by Sweet Adelines International. The chorus has participated in the competition every year since the inception of the choir, she said.

"We have placed pretty well each year," Jones said.

Jones said the six-minute act included arrangements of *Give 'Em a Show They'll Never Forget* and *Will It Be Me This Time?* in four-part barbershop harmony.

The next show, "Harmony Hoedown," is at 3 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College. The chorus will welcome the RFD Boys, a Bluegrass group from Ann Arbor, as special guests. Jones said tickets would



Ann Mulvihill of Canton Township holds the trophy and certificate that she helped the County Connection Chorus win at the annual regional competition in Cleveland last month. The chorus consists of members from 13 area communities.

be available at the door. The chorus is also available for hire and community fundraisers, she said.

The chorus rehearses year-round and meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the UAW Local 898 union hall, located at 8975 Textile

Road in Ypsilanti.

Women interested in auditioning for the group are encouraged to attend. Free vocal lessons are also available.

For more information call (734) 480-8843 or visit the Web site



Members of the County Connection Chorus pose with the trophy and certificate the group won for placing first in their division. Front row, from left, are Bridgett Monville of Ypsilanti, Robin Hoover of Willis, Karen Marsh of Belleville and Carol Greig of Belleville. Back row from left, are Trish Shephard, Jennifer Jones, Sharon Yearout and Lil Toutant, all of Belleville.



Members of the County Connection Chorus pose with the trophy and certificate the group won for placing first in their division. Clockwise, from left, are Lynn Jarett of Dearborn Heights, Barb Williams of Westland, Judy Moody of Wayne and Kathy VanderWeele of Westland.

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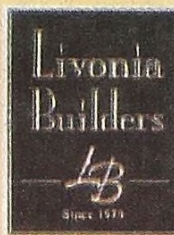
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Traffic sign to be removed at intersection

Scott Spielman
 Editor

Less regulation may be the key to improving traffic flow at a dangerous intersection in Romulus.

That's what city officials are hoping as they try another approach at the intersection of Wick and Tobine roads, which is in a rural portion of the city on the western side of Wayne Road.

"It appears that no matter what we do there, there is always going to be a problem," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak.

The council decided Monday night to remove the stop sign on

eastbound Wick Road at Tobine with hopes that it would improve the flow of traffic there.

The intersection is a curious one; Tobine ends at Wick at a slight angle, so that the intersection looks like a cursive 'T' Both roads are two lane black tops, and facilitate the types of speeds typically seen on streets found outside city limits.

"This is an engineering nightmare," said Councilman Chuck Miller. "There needs to be a change. Whether this will solve any of the problems has yet to be determined."

The stop sign only applies to drivers traveling east on the road.

Another sign beneath it cautions drivers to yield to those making left turns from Tobine onto westbound Wick. Surprisingly, the intersection is not the most dangerous one in the city, according to Mayor Alan Lambert.

There's potential for danger, particularly during the school year when buses and parents tend to stack up at the stop sign. Wick Elementary School and Romulus Middle School are less than a mile east of the unpopular sign.

The council voted unanimously to remove the sign, even though they weren't sure it would do much good. Councilman Bill

Crova pointed out that the presence of the sign was a bit of a mystery, because it tends to violate traditional traffic flow patterns.

"This is a major east-west highway," he said. "Cars tend to move along it at a pretty good clip. It makes sense to me (to remove the sign.)

He also suggested the police drop off the speed trailer nearby to get drivers to be more cognizant of their speed. That might help ease potential problems, he said.

"When the speed trailer is out there and you see how fast you're going, it's certainly gets your attention," he said. "It'd be a

noticeable effect."

Lambert said he wanted to make sure the removal of the sign was noticeable. He and other council members brought up the likelihood that drivers on Tobine Road, expecting cars on Wick to stop, may drive out into their path. He suggested a public information campaign that would inform residents that cars no longer stop at that spot. He also wanted to circulate a letter to the school district so bus drivers would know of the change when school resumed in the fall.

"It's not going to happen until the public has been notified," he said.

Track - Council sets public hearing

FROM PAGE 1

which is further in the future, includes a 678,000 mixed use development that could contain residential, office and retail uses, as well as a movie theater. The parking lots would be developed into two parking decks that could accommodate about 8,000 cars, according to Kumer.

"The market will expand as the project progresses," he said.

There would be an 18-month construction timeline for the first phase of the project.

"We're looking to create a lively, people-friendly environment," said McAlpine.

shown as gravel, which Councilman Bill Crova didn't like. Council members also didn't like the proposed fence around the facility - a chain-link fence covered with black plastic that Magna representatives said was important for security reasons.

"It's going to be a focal point," said Councilwoman Debbie Romak. "I think we should get something aesthetically pleasing. I'm sure there is some type of decorative fencing that would

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We're looking to create a lively, people-friendly environment.

Jim McAlpine

provide the same security."

Crova also took exception to the size of the research and development office building.

There are a number of issues that have to be overcome first, however. The first of those is that current legislation allows a firm or person to own only one race-track in the state. Magna already owns and operates one near Grand Rapids.

McAlpine said he expected that law to change, though, and said even if it didn't, it wouldn't be an obstacle. The firm would either sell or close the Grand Rapids facility to ensure the Romulus project would go on.

"We wouldn't allow that to stand in our way," he told the council.

They'll also have some aesthetic issues to overcome. One of the proposed overflow lots was

Council members were also concerned about the potential for expanded gambling at the track. The Michigan legislature is currently looking at a plan that would allow racetracks to host video gambling machines, like casinos.

McAlpine said the firm would be willing to go along with whatever the state ultimately decided, including the installation of those machines.

The planning commission will host the first public hearing July 30 for the proposal, according to Lyon. The plan would go to the city council during the following month.

"We're looking at moving fairly quickly, here," she said.

Body discovered at park

Heather Connor
 Staff Writer

The body of a 42-year-old man was found inside a parked vehicle Saturday in Van Buren Park. Police officials say it appears the man died of natural causes.

Det. Louis Keele of the Van Buren Township Police Department said the man was discovered by park employees around 4 p.m. Park employees secured the area until police arrived. The Ford Escort in which the body was found was parked near the beach, Keele said. Police are withholding the man's identity until family members have been

notified of his death.

Keele said there were no signs of foul play at the scene, and the case remains open pending an autopsy by the Wayne County Medical Examiner. A postmortem examination conducted Sunday revealed the man had some medical problems, but a determination of the cause of death cannot be made at this time, Keele said.

The department is also awaiting a toxicology report, which will not be available for eight to 12 weeks, Keele said.

The Van Buren Park is located on the South I-94 Service Drive, just east of Rawsonville Road.



Helping hands

Kindergarten students at Wick Elementary School in Romulus recently collected more than \$235 to help efforts to rebuild the farm at Maybury State Park in Northville. The youngsters sold raffle tickets for stuffed animals donated by the teachers and staff. Students who helped with the project include, from left, John Adams, Nicolas Procter, Chance Weaver and Maurica Matthews. Lexiss Perkins, back row, left, and teacher Marilyn Woods helped the youngsters with their farm project.

Combined police effort nabs suspect

Jeff Novak
 Staff Writer

Canton Township Police caught up with and arrested a man last week accused of a string of bank robberies throughout the metro area.

"Many things went right for us," said Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler. "Involvement of the Ann Arbor police, Plymouth passing on information quickly and TCF bank providing pictures right of way were all ingredients for success in this case."

Canton police became involved June 12, after the suspect entered the TCF Bank on Ford Road and walked off with an undisclosed amount of money.

The suspect entered the bank at about 2:30 p.m., carrying an auto trader type magazine, said Mutchler. He then approached the teller and placed the rolled-

up magazine on the counter and demanded that large bills be placed in the magazine.

The method used to commit the robbery, as well as the physical description of the suspect, matched those from the June 11 Standard Federal Bank robbery in Plymouth Township. Plymouth detectives were able to determine that the suspect was also wanted for a number of other robberies including ones in Ann Arbor, said Mutchler.

In cooperation with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Plymouth detectives were able to identify the suspect as a 41-year-old Ypsilanti resident, Joseph Sawaya.

When the Canton robbery took place, Plymouth detectives presented the information about the suspect to the Western Wayne County Response Team (WWCRT). The WWCRT is a

multi-jurisdiction major crimes unit comprising officers from Canton Township, Plymouth, Northville, Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff.

Plymouth detectives also responded to the scene of the Canton robbery and verified the suspect as the man involved in the June 11 Plymouth robbery, according to Mutchler.

Four hours after the incident, Sawaya was spotted by a member of the CRT at a gas station on Michigan Avenue in Canton where he was taken into custody without incident, said police.

"The Community Response Team did a tremendous job finding and arresting the suspect," said Mutchler. "This is an example of how inter-agency information sharing helps to bring about a successful resolution in criminal investigations."

Virus - City to purchase, use insecticide to kill mosquitoes

FROM PAGE 1

Last year about 4,000 cases were reported altogether in 44 states. About 80 percent of those bitten will show no signs of

injury, although some will show mild flu like symptoms including fever, headache, and body aches, nausea and vomiting. It could lead to severe illness, but only in one of about 150 people.

"West Nile is a serious concern, not only in this community but across the nation," said Council Chairman Randolph Gear.

"It can kill people."

Wayne fire fighters union donates \$30,000 to charities

Scott Spielman
Editor

When a Wayne resident suggested recently that members of the police and fire departments donate their time during the annual fireworks show, it struck a chord with some members of the firefighter's union.

Ken Chapman, president of the Wayne Professional Fire Fighters' Union, Local 1620, said he felt it was important to set the record straight on the many charitable efforts union members undertake on their own time. He said he was concerned that the comments may taint the image of a department that is devoted to

the community as a whole.

Chapman went through some of the accomplishments of the department for the benefit of the Wayne City Council last Tuesday, and those that catch the meetings at home on local access cable.

"It was more preemptive than anything," Chapman said. "Our image is very important to us. I didn't want anyone to get the impression that we're just money hungry."

The issue was initially addressed when city officials were discussing possible ways to reduce costs of the annual fireworks celebration, which took place last night, weather permitting. They had already received

They donate their time to other events and groups, too, Chapman said.

more than \$14,000 in donations from the community to fund the project and were able to eliminate the sound component of the show. City officials rescheduled the Wheelfest Star Search competition – a sort of "battle of the bands" set to attract local acts to the Wheelfest stage – to that night and took up an offer from Wayne residents Don and Dawn Quarles to provide music during the show.

The largest single cost, other

than the fireworks themselves, however, is the staff time required from the police, fire and parks and recreation departments, according to city officials.

City Attorney Dick Clark said that the suggestion to have officers and firefighters donate their time wasn't feasible.

"From a liability standpoint alone, it's just not practical," he said.

Chapman said that although the department wasn't able to do that, the union still provides plenty of support to the community, other than the day-in, day-out tasks of keeping it safe.

They put on a pancake breakfast annually that benefits the

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), sponsor bingo games every Saturday with proceeds that go right back to the community. Funds from that are channeled into Little League ice hockey teams, the Zebra Boosters, Race for a Cure and the Trauma Burn Center at the University of Michigan hospital, to name a few.

They donate their time to other events and groups, too, Chapman said. "I could go on for a while if I listed everything," he said.

He estimated that the union has donated more than \$30,000 to charitable causes. "For an 18-member local, that's a considerable amount of money," he said.

Inkster library services await state funding totals

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The next few months will be as suspenseful as any best-selling spy thriller at the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster.

According to Steve Gulvezan, library director, funding of several much-needed library services will be determined by state financing during that time.

Like most municipal libraries, the Inkster library is feeling the effects of a city budget squeeze that is likely to feel tighter if badly needed state and county funds turn out to be less than expected.

"Right now, we're just waiting," Gulvezan said. "We've already had to eliminate two pages from our staff; they were 12th graders from the high school who had worked with us for some time."

The recent approval of the 2003-04 municipal budget by city council two weeks ago trimmed \$2 million in spending. These reductions reduced the library operating budget by 26 percent, Gulvezan said.

"If the funds are less than expected," he said, "Books and materials could be affected."

Wayne County will ultimately determine whether the library

will further cut from the six-person staff, reduce hours, purchase materials or reduce services.

Purchases of equipment and materials could also be jeopardized if the annual book sale, organized by the Friends of the Inkster Library, is canceled.

Sandy Markwart, chairwoman of the Inkster Library Board, said she could not confirm whether the sale will occur in the fall of this year or the spring of next year. Typically, the sale adds around \$8,000 to library coffers. In the past, the funds have paid for new furniture, books and children's reading programs. But the volunteers and the library have

an agreement that precludes the use of any of these funds for salaries.

Currently, the library operates under a decades-old contract with Wayne County. The current library budget is \$300,000. The city provides \$210,000 and two state- and county-based programs provide the remaining funds. Penal funds, or dollars provided to libraries from traffic tickets written by the Michigan State Police, comprise the largest share of the funding. Last year, the library received \$100,000 in funds in addition to the dollars provided by the city, Gulvezan said.

"If those funds stay the same, we can squeak by," he said. "But if we don't, there will be further cuts." Gulvezan would not speculate on where those cuts would occur. "We'll just have to wait."

City Councilwoman DeArtriss Richardson said she understands the role libraries play during a down economy, and is working with Congressman John Dingell's office to identify possible grant dollars and funding alternatives.

Gulvezan said the amount of state and county funding available should be calculated by September.

"Until then, it's a big question mark," he said.

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Jeff Novak
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OPINION

State proves to be less than perfect neighbor

The future was really starting to look good for officials in Northville Township.

Development in the upscale portion of western Wayne County hadn't hit so much as a hiccup during the allegedly soft economy. Developers have, in fact, been so eager to work with township officials that they have made large land donations to the township, land that will ultimately be the site of schools and parks.

Township officials are also planning a new municipal complex, a new fire station and a complete renovation of the existing township hall into a new police headquarters. They're also working on plans to secure even more parkland and develop more bike pathways, something that more than 80 percent of households said they wanted, according to preliminary results of a community-wide survey.

Yes, things were looking pretty good.

That's why they were taken aback by the abrupt announcement of a plan to expand the Scott Correctional Facility at the corner of Beck and Five Mile roads. Some of them referred to the discovery as a "bombshell" that was dropped late last week.

Obviously, none of them are happy. They have expansion plans of their own for the general vicinity — they want to transform Community Park into a huge recreation center that encompassed more than 100 acres and would facilitate virtually every recreational use under the sun. There are also upscale subdivisions planned nearby and Northville homeowners traditionally look for a different sort of view from their living and bedroom windows.

It's easy to empathize with the frustrated officials, who have prided themselves on smart planning. They see it as a slap in the face that they didn't get any sort of warning, even though Gov. Jennifer Granholm lives within the community, about 2 linear miles from the site.

The most frustrating aspect of the plan is that, realistically, they may not have any say in it. State laws and needs supercede their own zoning requirements and master plans.

It's unfortunate, though, that the state didn't show the same willingness to work with township officials that they did when marketing the sale of the 450-acre plot of land that houses the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. That relationship was such a positive one that township offi-

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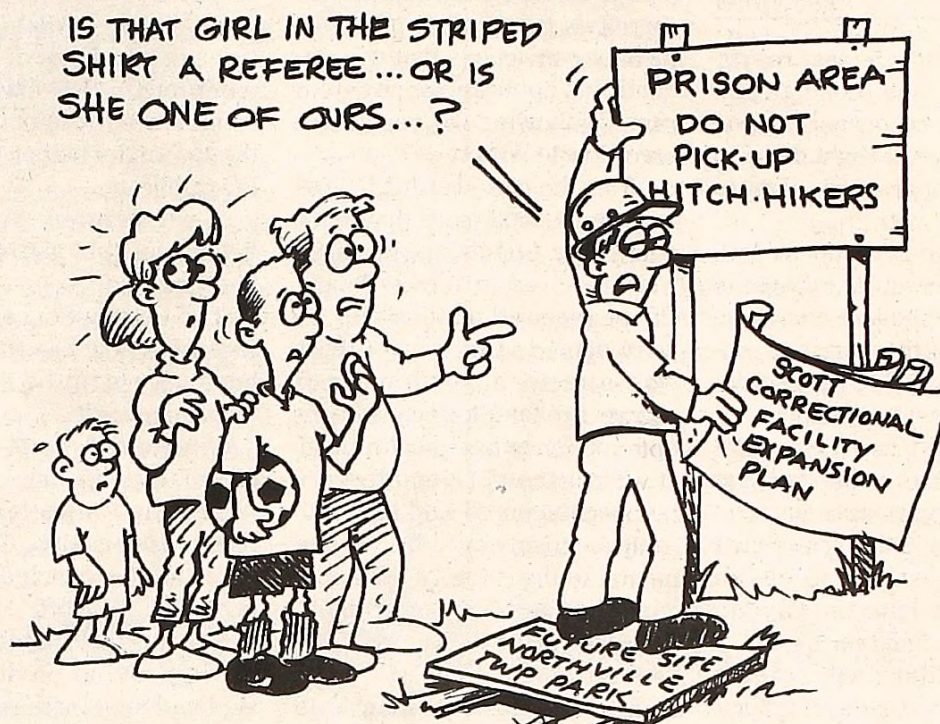
Department paying price of city manager's decision

Inkster City Manager Robert Gordon may have avoided a major catastrophe last week when he named former Assistant Detroit Police Chief Marvin Winkler as the new head of the Inkster department, but he's still mishandled the issue.

And, as we went to print Tuesday, it looked like the city would continue along the same path as a permanent replacement for the deputy chief is sought. We say it looked that way because the secretive Gordon seems intent on keeping his cards close to his chest; he wouldn't tell anyone who he was interviewing or why.

Tom Diaz, a 15-year veteran of the department who briefly served as acting chief after the departures of Terry Colwell and Phil Ludos, was expected to be named the deputy chief early this week. An incom-

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A season and city of 'firsts'

Now that the make up of the two races for Wayne City Council have been decided, I find myself looking forward to the upcoming election.

Many people in city hall are looking forward to it too, for various reasons. Actually, they all have the same specific reason — there's no primary election, and that means the city saves about \$10,000.

Although the race has only been official for about a week now — one of the candidates, Jim Netter, filed petitions for both races, and had until last Friday to withdraw from one of them — it's already shaping up to be a pretty good election season.

The three incumbents face two opponents, which means that one of the newcomers has a decent shot at being elected to office.

In many ways, this election will be a first for me to cover. It's my first election in the City of Wayne, as both a voter and a reporter; for one thing. It's also the first that I've covered where a mayor is elected by the people, and that mayor faces some opposition. (The mayor is also popularly elected in the City of Northville, but Christopher Johnson has held that post for so long and so well that people have all but given up trying to unseat him).

In Wayne, the popularly-elected mayor is a relatively new development. Al Haidous, who holds the post now, is the first-ever popularly elected mayor in the city. About two years ago, voters amended the

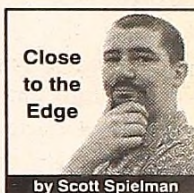
charter to give the choice to the people, rather than the council members, who had selected a mayor from their own ranks.

The move is one that has been contemplated in the City of Plymouth, where the campaign among seven commissioners to choose a new mayor every year has, in the past, been filled with accusations of back room deals, dirty politicking and deal-breaking. It's caused its share of sticky — and memorable — moments.

When talk came up back then of switching the format, I was against it, because many of those who argued for it also proposed to turn the mayor into a full-time elected position and do away with the role of the city manager. I also thought that it would be likely to reduce the mayoral pool from seven to two or maybe three, which means the odds were not as good that the best person would get the job.

Maybe, like me, the Wayne voters themselves didn't know what to expect when the office came up for reelection for the first time. Maybe they thought more would run for the post, or maybe they thought a pool of two or three candidates was enough.

History will tell. As for me, I'm already encouraged, because both candidates have indicated that it would be a race run on issues, not personalities. Sadly, that'd be another first for me.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Pain is an invitation to change

It was the second time I'd seen Peggy in a week; she was looking shaky.

The first time I noticed her was from across a room. She was red-eyed like she'd been crying. This time was face to face on a sunny Sunday a few days later.

"Are you OK?" I asked.

She smiled softly. "Pretty much so."

"You looked like you were crying the other day," I said. "Is everything really all right?"

"Panic attacks," she answered. "Can you believe it? Six-and-a-half years in recovery and I start having panic attacks." Peggy smiled again, a fragile smile on a very pretty face.

"That's exciting," I said. "What a gift."

She looked at me strangely. "What do you mean by that, Jerry?"

I couldn't tell if she was getting irritated or if she just thought I'd lost it.

"It must be terrible feeling panic, Peggy. Thankfully, I've not had a lot of experience with it, but I feel for you. If you like, I'll give you what someone gave to me on how to handle things like panic attacks."

"Please, anything that helps."

I explained my belief that most of us will do anything to avoid breaking out of the routine that feels safe or comfortable—even if it's not good for us. It

usually takes something harsh to wake us up and push us to making a move to change.

"A priest who ran a treatment center, Father Vaughn Quinn, told me that 'God gives us the gift of pain to bring about change,' and he was right," I said to Peggy. "So, the pain of your panic is exciting because it's an invitation to change."

What generally comes with the pain, I explained, is added resistance to deal with it. Instead of accepting what is—like a panic attack—we resist and use force to try to control what's happening away. That negative energy causes more tension, which feeds fear. The answer is to surrender to what is happening and trust that it's happening for your good.

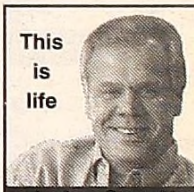
"Can you float on your back?" I asked Peggy.

"Yeah, sure," she said, like everybody can do it.

"I can't—yet," I said. She looked surprised. "Because, I don't trust enough and accept that I won't sink. I keep trying to control the float."

"When you start another panic attack remember that you can float and you do it effortlessly. You've given up control and amazingly, you are in total control."

Her eyes brightened, "I'm going to Mexico



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by Jerry Stanecki

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ing resume from another external candidate – one that Gordon was unwilling to name – changed that, however. The announcement was then set for later this week.

With 28 years of experience, and a willingness to do the job, Winkler may be a good choice to lead the Inkster department. Time will tell if he's willing to put up with the city politics and internal morale issues that may have arisen when a department outsider was named to the spot.

There's no reason, though, to look outside the department to fill other supervisory roles, including the deputy chief post. To do so makes one question the training and development program for the department, the hard work that people like Diaz have put in during their careers and what future police officers may have with the city. What Gordon is telling them is that they may rise only so far in rank before they have to pursue their opportunities elsewhere.

It's a lesson that Ludos learned the hard way. He left the department abruptly after he learned he wouldn't be named the chief, even though he said he had a verbal agreement with Gordon that said as much. It would be unfortunate for the city if officials didn't learn from that mistake.

Neighbors

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cials thought it hearkened a new era in local and state relations.

Sadly, this latest development may show that that relationship only holds true when it benefits the State of Michigan as a separate entity, not one that is a large community made up of many cooperative parts.

It's true that the plan isn't exactly a done deal. Township officials are working with State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) to try to stop it, or move the additional 400 beds to another facility. Patterson was also helpful in getting the two sides together on the Seven Mile Road land, so there is hope there for the township.

Even if the projects goes through, however, the future isn't exactly bleak for the township. Development will continue, Community Park will continue to evolve into one of the premier recreation complexes in the county and township officials will be able to mollify themselves with the knowledge that they did all they could.

It would simply be nice if state officials were willing to cooperate on every project, the good, the bad and the ugly.

Change

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Wednesday and my friend has a swimming pool. The first thing I'm going to do is try floating the panic away."

"Why wait?" I said. "When you start feeling the panic, try going into a mental float today. Accept you're feeling panic and that's OK. Understand the panic is being caused by fear. Identify the fear and if you can't identify the fear, that's OK, too. Just accept that, with faith, the fear will pass, as everything does, and you'll be all right. Believe it's happening for your good. That belief stops you from self-pity, anger and resentment, all of which keeps you a victim to panic and fear."

"Wow, that makes sense," Peggy was smiling, cautiously albeit, but smiling.

"Look, you're going to be in Mexico, what a terrific time to celebrate the freedom that the panic attacks are going to bring you—if you see the gift. It's like rolling back the rock, so to speak."

She laughed, we laughed—and then went our separate ways.

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Community arts council names 'new' director

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Stella Greene is a "glass is half full" kind of person.

That much is evident when she explains what it means to serve as the new executive director of Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC).

"It will mean spending more time in public as the standard bearer for the arts council," she said.

Translation: her labors will double while her pay remains the same.

That's because even as she takes over the position vacated in February by Jennifer Tobin, who left for a job as performing arts coordinator for Canton Township, Greene will continue to work as the PCAC development director.

Greene's association with the PCAC goes back 12 years, including two as president of the board of directors, from 1997-1999. At the close of her presidency, the board hired her as development director.

"I think the board has been happy with the job I've done in development and wanted to keep me on that track," she said. "Now they're giving me a chance to see how I can do on the arts side, too."

That, and getting more for less is the order of the day for community arts groups in Michigan,

where the state pool of arts funding has receded by half, from \$23.5 to \$11.8 million in the coming budget year.

"That 50 percent cut in state funding is huge for groups like ours," Greene said. "It means we have to look to diversified funding sources. We're looking into new ways and more of the types of things that we've been doing."

Since 1969, the PCAC has provided arts education and workshops to local schools and the public at large. Group volunteers visit classrooms with presentations that supplement standard art curricula. And the PCAC center at 774 North Sheldon Road is a nexus for local creativity, boasting art studio spaces available to the public, a gallery, a mini-theatre, an art rental gallery and other space.

The PCAC has an annual budget of about \$250,000, according to Greene. A little more than a third of that money comes from yearly contributions by the roughly 600 PCAC members, she said; another third comes from proceeds from the annual dinner auction. Corporate sponsorships, grants and program fees comprise the remaining third.

In her new position, Greene said she would develop new strategies that will capitalize on those basic services.

Among the new strategies on tap is an endowment drive. Greene will seek out local

patrons who want to sponsor specific art projects, exhibits or education at the PCAC with a large, one-time donation. The PCAC would then invest that money to leverage additional dollars to fund the patron's project for years to come.

Greene said there are also efforts afoot to organize a PCAC fashion show, an event that would resemble the dinner auction as a showcase for local talents that generates funds for the council through ticket sales.

There's also a calendar contest under way that will show off art by local students and generate money for the PCAC.

This strategy — mixing local arts promotions with fundraisers — has been the basic means of fundraising for PCAC operations.

And like Greene, the three other PCAC staffers will use the moment of her promotion to retool their own positions and maximize PCAC strengths.

Emily Sherman, formerly the PCAC office manager, will concentrate on promoting PCAC programs and events with the public at large.

Leslie Greeneisen, art education coordinator, will work with the school district and the 300-plus volunteers who take arts into area classrooms.

That's where the group that eventually became the PCAC began 35 years ago with the "picture lady" program.

"Our volunteers help students to experience things they wouldn't normally get at school," Greeneisen said. "We take our artist in residence to the schools and we get kids into our cultural diversity program."

Partnering with the schools helps capture extra dollars for the PCAC as well, with grant dollars obtained by local teachers.

According to Greeneisen, this sort of partnership is necessary in a world where art is commodity of diminishing value.

"It seems to be a dying feature in our culture," she said. "Here, we want to do anything we can to preserve the arts in our society at the local level."

"We need to rage against that dying light."

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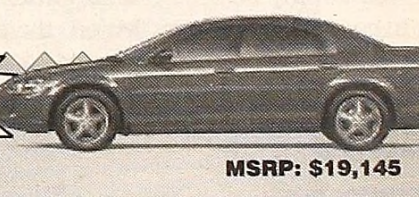


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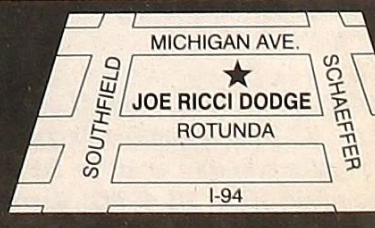
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Access denied

Belleville residents protest lack of easement to waterfront

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Marlene Haley remembers when she and her children enjoyed fishing and swimming in Belleville Lake – across the street from her home of more than 30 years.

After trying for years to have her voice heard regarding a prescriptive easement she believes she is entitled to on the property, the news that Lot 310 on High Street may be made into a park does not impress her.

"Where are they going to park (their cars)?" Haley said. "As far as I'm concerned it's of no use to anyone."

Belleville City Council members decided June 16 to refer the designation of Lot 310 as a park to the city planning commission after council members Kay Atkins and William Creamean presented their research regarding the issue.

Creamean and Atkins began meeting with residents of High Street in April after homeowners requested the issue of lake access rights be addressed and a guardrail was installed along the street in front of the lot. Many residents believe they have prescriptive easements, which allowed them to have stairs leading down to the lake and docks on the lot across the street from their homes. Both council members met with the residents and obtained the help of the city attorney to research the issue.

"Actions like this will drive longtime residents out to the township where taxes are lower and you get more action from the local government."

Justin Jeruga

According to the property title, two deed restrictions exist for use of the property as of Oct. 27, 1938. The title, obtained by City Attorney Karl Barr, limits the property as a park or as a city water supply.

Bill Wolters, owner of Stoney Creek Motorsports, said if the lot is designated as a park, it will not be used or maintained.

"It will be a drive-by park," Wolters said. "It will be an unkempt, unmaintained, drive-by park."

"They're making it a park. Big deal. It will be designated as a park, but what are they going to do with it?" said Dave Dangler, Haley's next-door neighbor. "There's nowhere to park. I don't consider it progress at all."

Haley's docks and stairs began to disappear, along with those of other homeowners, in 1993. Her husband and sons built the docks and stairs in 1988. Haley said she knew it wasn't her property, but her neighbors were building similar structures, and no one had protested her family's use of the property since moving in to the home 20 years before.

Keith Boc, director of the department of public works, said the city removed the docks and stairs due to liability concerns from the city insurer. According to Barr in a memorandum, a prescriptive easement exists when a person uses, but does not

own, the land of another for a particular purpose without permission for 15 years. Barr said the use must be "adverse, under claim of right, continuous (uninterrupted), open, notorious, peaceable, and with the actual or presumed knowledge or acquiescence of the owner."

Haley said she began to receive warnings from the city that the structures needed to be removed by a certain date, but she disregarded them because she thought she had a prescriptive easement. When her docks were removed and impounded, she went to city hall to try and resolve the issue. She said she understood the city concern with liability, and offered to help resolve the dispute, but no one addressed the issue.

A bigger concern to Haley is erosion. She said she told city officials at the time that erosion was a big problem on the lot, as her family worked every year to keep the erosion back as best they could. The officials made a motion to have the city engineers examine the problem, but nothing was ever done, she said.

Atkins and Creamean proposed June 16 that the city pursue an erosion control

program immediately, but the council did not take any action. Haley said she estimates the lot has lost a foot a year due to erosion, which is also damaging High Street.

"They're going to lose the road someday if they don't do something about it," Haley said.

According to Barr,

residents had one year from the time the structures were removed to sue the city to preserve their prescriptive easement. Haley said she was the only voice that protested the removal at the time, and she did not have the money to sue. Her son had recently been killed and her mother was dying from cancer, she said.

"I wasn't physically, mentally or financially able to fight it," Haley said.

Haley is not the only resident protesting now. Resident Justin Jeruga said the former owner of his home had a dock. He said the guardrail was something no one wanted, and the city actions make him consider moving.

"The city has set a precedence for lake and dock access on city property," Jeruga said. "Instead of being proactive and saying this is the best use of the property they do what's best for the city, which is to sit on their hands."

"Actions like this will drive longtime residents out to the township where taxes are lower and you get more action from the local government," Jeruga said.

Dangler said the issue is part of the reason his home is up for sale.

"It's a major blow to the value of property in the area," Dangler said. "The city doesn't care. They don't have regard for the law. It's just not right."

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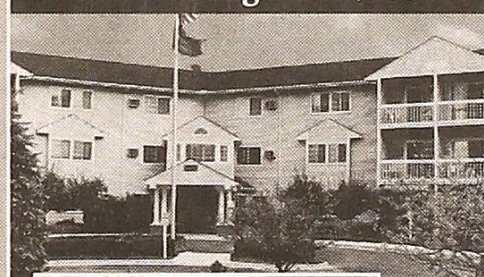
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Westland approves 4 new residential projects

Scott Spielman
Editor

The soft economy may have affected the budget for the City of Westland, but it hasn't slowed down development.

City council members approved four additional residential developments last week that will ultimately bring more than 400 new homes to the city.

"It's pretty typical, especially this time of year," said Bruce Thompson, Westland planning director. "We've seen a great deal of development, both residential and commercial, during the last three to five years."

Monday night, council members gave final approvals to Covington Estates, which will be

located off Ford Road across from city hall. Developer Randall Orley proposed to construct 57 homes on 20 acres there.

The council also approved the second phase of the Brookfield development, which will ultimately bring 122 single-family homes and 84 clustered townhouse-styled condominiums to 123 acres of land between Cherry Hill and Ford roads. Also approved was Newberry Estates, where a 60-lot single-family subdivision is proposed on 18.5 acres of land.

The final development council approved was for The Abbeys of Westland, which will be constructed on Marquette Street west of Wayne Road. The 27.2-acre site will give home to 104 ranch-style attached condomini-

ums intended for senior citizens, Thompson said.

Thompson said the amount of pending development was a little surprising, given the state of the economy and the amount of available land.

"I expected it to trail off a little, but it's still going strong," he said.

He said the projects, for the most part, are driven by the market. Marshall Kallen's Brookfield development is a perfect example. Once part of a PUD that included a light industrial portion at the northern end, the development will ultimately be all residential, if Kallen can successfully amend the plan. He said he sold all the homes scheduled for the first phase of the

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Bruce Thompson

Brookfield Development before the first model was complete.

"Homes are still selling there like crazy," Thompson said.

Commercial development has stayed consistent as well, Thompson said. He is working to attract users to vacant big box buildings like the old Best Buy structure and those near it along Cowan Road. He said that, as vacant land dries up, that would be a recurring theme.

"Pretty soon, the development will come in the form of infill developments and redevelopments," he said.

In the meantime, the new building will ultimately bring more money into city coffers, he said. More homes bring more taxpayers.

"There's a lot of development that will be positive for our tax base," he said. "And that's a good thing."

State bill gives townships more speed limit control

Townships in Michigan may soon have more control of speed limits within local borders.

Last week, the Senate Transportation Committee approved legislation introduced by State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton). The bill gives Michigan townships more control over local speed limits on county highways.

Currently, only county road commissions and the Michigan State Police are able to decide speed limits on county roads in any given township.

"Local officials know best

Local officials know best which speed limits are the safest and most efficient for their area.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton)

which speed limits are the safest and most efficient for their area," said LaJoy. "Michigan townships, especially in western Wayne, have grown rapidly and many of these rural county roads have become unsafe for pedestrians

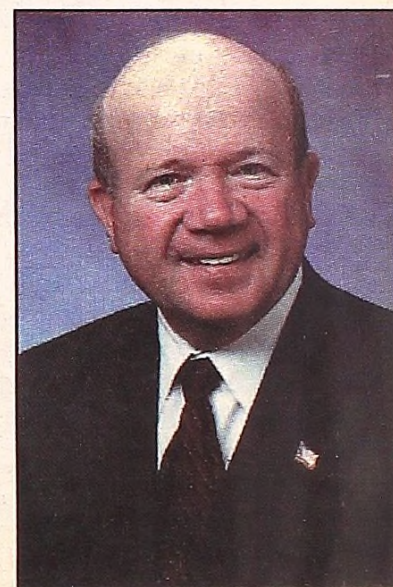
and motorists."

Under the LaJoy bill, if a township, county road commission and state police determine that a traffic speed on a county highway is too fast or slow for the conditions, the groups could act

unanimously to establish a responsible and safe maximum and minimum speed limit.

"Township officials deserve a voice in this important process," said LaJoy, a member of the House Transportation Committee and former Canton Township trustee. "Many times, school children have to navigate these roads after being dropped off from school. The legislation will help make our roads safer while helping to ease congestion."

The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.



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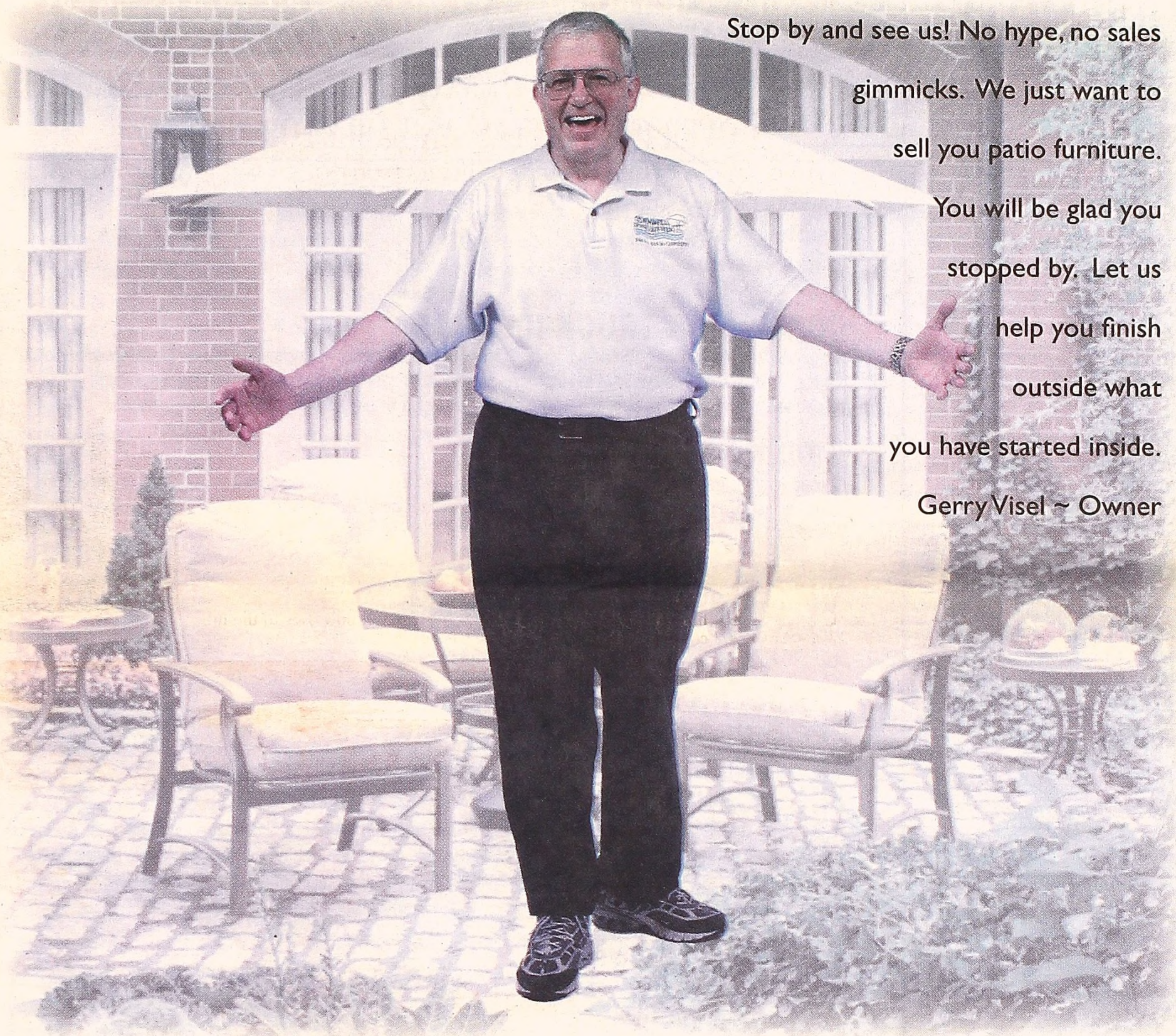
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 17, 2003

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Elg, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Environmental Director Swallow, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Planning and Zoning Administrator Pugsley, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-two (22).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following amendment. Under "Public Hearing" item #3 add the word "attached" after the number 69 and to make the same correction under "New Business" item #4. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, Payne seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on a special use request by Walgreens Pharmacy to construct and operate a pharmacy with two (2) drive-thru windows, located at the northwest corner of Belleville Road and the main entrance drive to Wal-Mart, on a portion of land, parcel number V125-83-061-99-0005-713. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. The applicant, Walgreens Pharmacy, has requested a special use approval in accordance with Section 18.08f of the Zoning Ordinance to construct two drive-thru windows at a 13,650 square foot store. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to obtain public input pertaining to the request with no objections being raised by the public. The Township's Planning Consultant has reviewed the request and both the consultant and Planning Commission recommend the Township Board grant the Special Use Approval.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on a special use request by Cobblestone Creek to construct a Planned Residential Development which consists of 154 single family homes and 104 attached condominiums located on the south side of Huron River Drive, west of Elwell Road, east of Hoeft Road on parcel number V125-83-114-99-0005-002, V125-83-114-99-0004-000, V125-83-114-99-0003-705 and V125-83-114-99-0002-704. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. The applicant, C. A. Kime, Inc. has requested a Special Use Approval to construct a Planned Residential Development (PRD) named Cobblestone Creek. The location of the project is on the south side of Huron River Drive east of Hoeft Road and west of Elwell Road. Director Kelley introduced the applicants of the Cobblestone Creek development Curt and Ryan Kime and the Cobblestone Ridge development Brad Byarski who gave a joint presentation of the proposed Cobblestone Creek and Cobblestone Ridge developments. Cobblestone Ridge special use request will follow this public hearing. Since the two developments are abutting properties and have several linked infrastructure improvements there will be one presentation.

Trustee Hart stated it would have been beneficial if this presentation had taken place during the Work Study Session Meeting.

Brad Byarski gave a presentation of the two projects as follows: The goals and benefits of these two developments is to create a residential environment surrounded by nature, designated woodlands, natural buffer zone, open space, wildlife preservation, protection of a historic tree, pedestrian and recreational paths and a common residential park. The two developments combined are approximately 200 acres divided into four sub-developments. Cobblestone Creek is approximately 120 acres and is designed with tree preservation in mind with 40 acres of designated woodlands and mature hardwood tree rows being retained. Approximately 65 percent of the lots border mature trees or wooded areas with 41 different types of trees and shrubs and 33 unique species of wildlife on the site. A 63" diameter chinkapin oak tree approximately 400 to 500 years old will be preserved. There will be three complementary landscaped entrances into Cobblestone Creek one on Hoeft Road and two on Huron River Drive. Cobblestone Creek will consist of 104 multi-family attached units and 154 single-family detached units. Cobblestone Ridge is approximately 80 acres with 40 percent of the lots bordered by mature trees and 80 percent of the trees on this site have been preserved. Cobblestone Ridge will consist of 69 multi-family attached units and 108 single-family detached units. There is a roundabout between the two developments linking them together and they are unified throughout the development with decorative light posts, mailboxes, trash receptacles, entrances, park benches, gazebo, streetlights, and connecting pedestrian and recreational paths.

Director Kelley stated the two developments combined would have open space preservation of 38 percent of the land. He reviewed a statistical sheet comparing Mission Pointe Subdivision a platted subdivision and Cobblestone Creek and Cobblestone Ridge PRD's as follows: In Mission Pointe the buildings are 35 feet from the road right of way, in Cobblestone Creek the closest building is 200 feet from the road right of way. A typical subdivision does not have the latitude to allow for the special features a PRD does such as parks, and the five architectural standards for the dissimilarity of house shapes. This plan also requires the buildings to be 50 percent brick and most homes exceed the minimum square footage that is required in the zoning district. Director Kelley reiterated the number of tree to be preserved. The density standard for R-1A on the Ridge is 137 by right and they would be building 177; on the Creek 203 by right and they would be building 258. In the Creek the special land use request includes the density bonus of nearly 30 percent, which is the maximum allowed by the ordinance and 27 percent in the Ridge. The PRD allows for a mix of 60 percent single family detached and 40 percent attached units. The attached product in the township is a significant product, in the last three and half years township residents have bought over 400 attached condominiums. They are affordable and appeal to a wide range of demographics. The landscaping of the Cobblestone devel-

opment had input from the surrounding residents who requested a natural landscape. Jim Brueckman, McKenna Planner, stated the tree requirements of the ordinance would be met by using 400 of the park grade trees that would provide a reforested area look. Director Kelley stated the canopy of trees located in the road right of way on Huron River Drive are to remain. The Planning Commission requested staff to notify Wayne County of our intent for the trees to remain.

Supervisor King reviewed the information that was given to the Board for the Public Hearings including comments from the Public Hearings held by the Planning Commission regarding infrastructure, traffic concerns, growth in the township, number and size of trees, landscaping and plantings, open space to be preserved, and types of homes to be constructed. The planning process for these two projects has been nearly two years. It involves reviews by the township's staff, professional planning consultant, professional engineering staff, legal counsel, and traffic consultants. A traffic impact study was done by Tetra Tech, the township's traffic consultant, and states the difference in residential units will not significantly affect the traffic projections and roadway analysis in the report. The report recommends an optimization of signal timings at the intersection of Huron River Drive and Rawsonville Road to mitigate site traffic impacts. Those improvements to signalization would have to be coordinated with Wayne County who is responsible for the traffic control devices. It also states that left turn passing lanes at the intersections of Huron River Drive and Hoeft Road and Huron River Drive and Elwell Road; and right turn deceleration lanes at both access points on Huron River Drive. Supervisor King stated these developments comply with all of the township's fundamental requirements including: Master Plan, Zoning, PRD ordinance, also recommendations to approve from the Planning Commission, and the professional Planning Consultants (McKenna and Associates). Included in the Planning Commission Minutes is support from the Commission for some of the improvements to be made and that it captures the intent of the PRD ordinance with respect to public amenities such as pathways and open space.

Director Kelley stated Mission Pointe Subdivision is building at just less than 3 units per acre and the combined Cobblestone Creek and Ridge are building at 2.1 units per acre, and the preservation of 75.51 acres of woodlands (open spaces) will be realized at no cost to the township.

Comments and questions by the Board members as follows: The developer will also pay for the paving of Hoeft Road. Would attached condominiums be permitted to be built on this site if it was not a PRD? Director Kelley stated no they would not and further stated the market is interested in the attached condominium product. When will the improvements for Huron River Drive be done? Director Kelley and the developer stated the road improvements (including the water and sewer improvements) are required to be done before the entry roads are constructed, and Wayne County would do the light timing. What is the average size of the lots? Director Kelley stated lots are 80 by 125 feet. What size lot would be in a R-1A classification? Director Kelley stated lots would be 100 by 200 feet. The developer stated before the ordinance was changed the R-1A lot requirement was 80 by 125 feet. What is the minimum size home in R-1A? Director Kelley stated 1,800 square feet. He further stated all the detached units will exceed the minimum square feet requirements and the PRD allows the Planning Commission discretion for the attached units and the average square footage of the attached is 1,750. What are the set backs of the R-1A compared to the PRD? Director Kelley stated R-1A, R-1B and R-1C set backs are 35 feet in the front, no less than ten feet on one side with the total on both sides no less than 25 feet and the rear is 35 feet. This development would meet these set back requirements. Who will maintain the 200 feet landscaped area in the front of the development and when will the landscaping begin? The developer stated the landscaping would be one of the first things done and maintained by the developer while the site is being built and then turned over to the homeowners association. What will the landscape area look like? The developer stated some areas would be naturally wooded with grasses and wildflowers and other areas would be manicured. When would Hoeft Road be paved? The developer stated the road is to be paved before the development is constructed; however, the developer has requested to delay the paving until after construction is underway so the newly paved road will not be damaged by heavy equipment. Director Kelley stated this has not been determined and the project would come back to the Board for approval of the PRD agreement and would be considered at that time. The Planning Commission would still need to approve the final site plan and the Township Board would still need to approve the PRD agreement. The item before the Board currently is to determine the special use request. This is a condominium development and would have a Master Deed and By-Laws with provisions including escrow funding to maintain the common grounds, roads, and sidewalks. This is a development that would create a multi-generational neighborhood. What is a special use approval? Director Kelley stated each zoning district has uses permitted by right or by special use approval. Special use approval requires the review and compliance of specific criteria and Township Board approval. Supervisor King read the special use criteria for this PRD. The Township Planning Consultant stated the criteria are different for commercial and residential special uses.

On a side note Supervisor King stated the Board packets would now be available on Thursday afternoon to allow the Board an extra day to review the material.

A resident stated he liked the development and commented on the importance of the drafting of the Master Deed and By-Laws particularly when multiple projects are linked. Particularly items regarding the number needed for a quorum at a homeowners association meeting and the escrow amount of money and dues. Supervisor King stated the approval by the Board of the Master Deed and By-Laws is not under consideration tonight and would be considered at a later date during the approval of the PRD agreement.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on special use request by Cobblestone Ridge to construct a Planned Residential Development which consists of 108 single family homes and 69 attached condominiums located at the southeast corner of the intersection of West Huron River Drive and Hoeft Road on parcel number V125-83-114-99-0006-000. Carried.

3 Wayne residents awarded degrees from Albion College

Bryan S. Johnson graduated cum laude from Albion College May 10 receiving his degree in psychology.

Johnson was one of only 26 students in a class of more than 300 to complete the Albion College Honors Institute concen-

tration. The recent graduate is the son of James and Joyce of Johnson of Wayne and is a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Also graduating with departmental honors from the Gerald R. Ford Institute

for Public Policy and Service at Albion was Joshua P. Cecil.

Joshua received his degree with honors in political science. He is the son of Dennis and Nora Cecil of Wayne and is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

Tiffany A. Watson also graduated from Albion during May 10 commencement ceremonies. Her degree is in economics and management. She is the daughter of Sarah Watson of Wayne and a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

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Supervisor King opened the public hearing and stated this item was discussed jointly during the previous public hearing.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing to present and discuss transfer of funds from Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Category to Youth Services and Demolition Categories for the Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal year 2002-2003. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Administrator Pugsley for an explanation. Administrator Pugsley stated the current fiscal year for the Community Development Block Grant Program is from July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003. There is a surplus of funds remaining in the ADA category in the amount of \$16,508.62. This public hearing is to consider transferring the ADA balance into two new categories. The first category Youth Services in the amount of \$7,000 for the Recreation Department's Project Youth to provide funding for youths in low to moderate-income families in the Township to attend recreation programs at our facility. The second category is Demolition in the amount of \$10,508.62 for the demolition of vacant and blighted homes within the township. This meets the national objectives to help prevent or eliminate slum and blight. The application with the transfers will be submitted to Wayne County by June 30, 2003.

Trustee Jahr stated the income guideline forms that are used to determine eligibility for the Project Youth scholarships are confidential and should state so on the form.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 2, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 2, 2003, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2003, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from County Commissioner John Sullivan regarding the Belleville and Ecorse Roads intersection. Stating due to safety concerns at this intersection he has recommended no left turn signs be posted on Ecorse Road at the Belleville Road intersection and turn around lanes to be added. At the Wayne County Engineering and Roads Division meeting of June 9th this issue was discussed and agreed this recommendation would provide an interim solution for the intersection. This project is slated to begin in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 06-03-03 to amend Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcels of land known as V125-83-022-99-0011-000 and V125-83-022-99-0010-000 from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 06-03-03 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adopt the 34th District Court Budget as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the special use request to construct two (2) drive-thru windows for both drop off and pick up of prescriptions at the 13,650 square foot Walgreens Pharmacy store subject to the conditions identified in McKenna Associates two review letters [site plan and special use] dated May 8, 2003 and final site plan approval by the Planning Commission. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the special land use request by C.A. Kime, Inc., to construct the Cobblestone Creek Site Condominiums as a Planned Residential Development (PRD), subject to the items and recommendations in the Planning Commission's May 14, 2003 meeting minutes, McKenna & Associates letters [site plan and special use] dated May 8, 2003 and the Wade-Trim letter dated April 2, 2003; and subject to the following two conditions: 1) The review of the by-laws and master deed by the Township Attorney; 2) A complete analysis of the Jewett Drain by Wade-Trim in addition to Wayne County. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Rochowiak and King. Nays: Jahr. Absent: None. Carried.

Herman moved, Payne seconded to approve the special approval use for a Planned Residential Development (PRD) requested by Timberidge L.L.C., for the Cobblestone Ridge Site Condominium PRD subject to the items and recommendations in the Planning Commission's May 14, 2003 meeting minutes, McKenna & Associates letters [site plan and special use] dated May 8, 2003 and Wade-Trim letter dated April 2,

2003; and subject to the following two conditions: 1) The review of the bylaws and master deed by the Township Attorney. 2) A complete analysis of the Jewett Drain by Wade-Trim in addition to Wayne County. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hart, Herman, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd and King. Nays: Jahr. Absent: None. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the transfer of funds from the ADA Category to the Youth Services Category in the amount of \$7,000 and to the Demolition Category in the amount of \$10,508.62 for the Community Development Block Grant Program Fiscal year 2002-2003. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to table the first reading of Ordinance 06-17-03, to amend Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcels of land known as V125-83-094-01-0212-009 and V125-83-094-01-0212-007 from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business) for additional information. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to table the preliminary plat approval for the proposed Timbers Subdivision located on the east side of Elwell Road, south of West Huron River Drive, parcel numbers V125-83-111-99-0003-002 and V125-83-111-99-0004-000 for additional information. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the request from the Department of Development to demolish structures on a parcel of land known as 762 Sumpter Road, parcel number V125-83-112-99-0004-000. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the request from the Department of Development to demolish accessory structures on parcel of land known as 13969 Elwell Road, parcel number V125-83-110-03-0008-000. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2003-23 the Authorization of Electronic Transfer of Public Funds under PA 738 of 2002. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the agreement with Nativescape LLC to complete an Open Space Evaluation and Prioritization Utilizing Geographical Information System (GIS) Technology in the amount of \$8,500 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and King. Nays: Rochowiak. Absent: None. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to approve Wade-Trim's proposal dated June 11, 2003 to provide construction engineering administration services for the Visteon Way water and sewer mains and Ecorse Road water main construction project on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2003A, in an amount not to exceed \$77,900; to approve, when earned, payment to Wade-Trim for construction observation services (included in the construction contractor's bid price); to authorize the Director of Water and Sewer Operations to direct Wade-Trim to redesign a portion of the water main on a time and materials basis, using Rate Schedule 2003A, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500 if easement is not obtained from the property owners on Hannan Road by June 20, 2003 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign acceptance of proposal. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to award the bid for the Visteon Way water and sewer mains and Ecorse Road water main project to the low bidder, D.O.C. Contracting, Inc. of Milford Township, Michigan in the amount of \$908,272.65, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the contract, and to authorize a contingency in the amount of \$91,000 (10% of construction cost) to be used at the direction and discretion of the Director of Water and Sewer Operations in approving change orders and additional construction costs that may arise during construction. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the June 17, 2003 voucher list as amended. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Parks and Recreation Department announced the following: The Van Buren Recreation Department and the Belleville Parks Commission proudly present a Detroit Tigers baseball trip on Friday, June 27, 2003, at 7:05 p.m. The 2003 fireworks display will be held on Saturday, June 28th, with a rain date of Sunday, June 29th at the Beck Road baseball fields at dusk. At the next Recreation Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 8th at 7:30 p.m. a visioning session will be held as part of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Grant award program to assess the physical activity environment in the township and to receive comments from residents. For further information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident from Country Pond Estates Subdivision voiced comments regarding decks in the Country Pond Estates Subdivision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 10:58 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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OBITUARIES

JACKSON, Beatrice

Beatrice Jackson, 80, of Romulus died May 10 in Lincoln Park. Among her survivors are her sons, Edward, Marvin and Curtis; a daughter, Godiva; 14 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Park.

REEVES, Naterine C.

Naterine C. Reeves, 79, of Westland died May 18 in Livonia. Mrs. Reeves was the owner of Hills Bar B Q and was a volunteer with the Livonia schools. Among her survivors are her sons, Dewey and Kenneth; a daughter, Linda, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Smith Chapel AME church with the Rev. Thomas Higginbotham officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Park. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

ELLIS, Inez

Inez Ellis, 94, of Westland, died May 19. Among her survivors are her sons, Anthony, Glen, Alex and Tony and 11 grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Romulus Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Hiram McBurrows officiating. Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Park. Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

COLEMAN, Kenneth

Kenneth Coleman, 71, of Inkster, died May 19 at home. Among his survivors are his son, Michael; a brother, Raymond; life companion, Delores; two stepchildren; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Coleman was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and worked for Ford Motor Co. for 35 years. Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Antonio Williams officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery.

IVEY, Maxine

Maxine Ivey, 60, of Inkster died May 22 in Garden City. Among her survivors are her husband, Melvin Sr.; a daughter, Sharon; sons, Melvin Jr., David and Carl, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were at Salem Baptist Church in Upton County, Ga. with the Rev. Jimmie Lyons officiating. Local arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home.

ARNOLD, Laura Olene

Laura Olene Arnold, 88, of Wayne died March 19. Among her survivors are her son, Barney; a sister, Cebell (Willie) Paschal; grandchildren, Karen (Daniel) Burdette, Mark (Vicky) Arnold, Diane Lynn (Harold) Tucker and Sherrie Arnold, and great-grandchildren John and Jason Burdette, Mark Asa, Elliot Arnold, Holly Arnold, and Miranda Tucker. Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Phillip Bost officiating. Interment was at Thythraa Cemetery in Bradyville, Tenn.

HESTER, Clarence E.

Clarence E. Hester, 77, of Romulus, died May 25. Among his survivors are his wife, Helen I. (Frasier) Hester; a daughter, Patricia (Jack) Coleman of Romulus; a sister, Lurlia Romans of Ala.; three grandchildren; a step-grandchild; two great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating.

POST, Patricia A.

Patricia A. Post, 62, of Taylor, died June 12. Among her survivors are her children, Gene A. (Courtney) Post of Cincinnati, Ohio and Dixie M. Post of Machesney Park, Ill.; sisters, Terry (Lee) Planka of Cherry Valley, NY and Anita (Arthur) Ball of Trenton, NJ, and three grandchildren, Paige, Dylan and Madison. Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was at East Ridgeway Cemetery in Delawanna, NJ.

RHODES, Lillian E.

Lillian E. Rhodes, 86, of Homer, formerly of Romulus, died June 17 in Kalamazoo. Among her survivors are her children, Betty (Casper) Sears of Prudenville, Joseph (Anna) Rhodes of Homer, Carl Rhodes of South Carolina, Robert Rhodes of New Boston, Shirley Rhodes and Donna Rhodes, both of Jackson; 25 grandchildren, and 49 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

BUJAK, Annie

Annie Bujak, 88, of Belleville, died June 15 at home. Among her survivors are her children, Joyce A. Bujak of Belleville, James G. Bujak of Belleville, William J. Bujak of Ill. and Elizabeth C. (Kenneth Phillips) Bujak of Belleville; six

grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Funeral mass was at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Emergency Financial Manager appointed to the School District of Inkster will hold the annual Budget Hearing for the 2003-2004 school year, Friday, June 27, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNeely Administration Building located at 29115 Carlisle in Inkster, MI. The Budget is available to be previewed in the McNeely Administration Building. **"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."**

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2003-16 June 17, 2003

Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Rd. All Members Present. Held Public Hearing and approved FY '03-'04 Downtown Development Authority Budget. Presented resolution to Ford Motor Company honoring 100th anniversary. APPROVED: minutes of Regular Meeting of June 3; site plans for First Baptist Church, 36125 Glenwood Rd., Rite Aid Center, SE corner of Mich. Ave. E. and S. Wayne Rd., Fountain Place Condominiums, NE corner of Mich. Ave. E. and S. Wayne Rd.; bid awards for renovations to Public Housing buildings and for vending services at Community Ctr.; transfer of stock in Class C Licensed Business at 36900 Mich. Ave.; appointed City Manager Zech/Delegate & Councilman Dickerson/Alternate to Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority; reappointed Milton Mack, Sr./Building Authority, Neil Prieskorn, Edward McMurray & Carol Weyand/Commission on Aging, Nicholas Chames/Economic Development Corp., Dean Rowe/Electrical Examining Board, Sharon Arthur & Virginia Presson/Historical Commission, Janet Olszewski, Mark Dani & Robert Smith/Recreation Advisory Board, Shiela Julin & Charles Hendrix/Zoning Board of Appeals; resolution in favor of Federal funds being used to replace revenue sharing deficits; payment of FY '03-'04 transportation funds to Nankin Transit; 2nd year of 5-year contract for hauling & disposal of dirt; amendment to 1999 deed restrictions for Lots 26-30 & 328-330/Louis Savage Garfield Park Sub.; payment for repairs to 911 equipment room cooling system; Professional Services Agreement for operation & maintenance of E.Q. Basin; Weed List No. 2003-3; sewer tap resolution for new Police Station; Professional Services Agreement for development of decorative street lighting; purchase of software & licenses for 34 computers, 2 CAD workstations & 13 cellular modems in connection with CLEWS system for Police Dept.; acceptance of State of Michigan Emergency Management Division grant; payment of 2003 membership dues for Western Wayne County Fire Department Hazardous Incident Response Team and Health Emergency Medical Services; FY '03-'04 fee schedule for Parks & Recreation Dept.; 2nd year of 5-year maintenance agreement for HVAC & refrigeration equipment at Community Ctr., Senior Activity Ctr., Youth Services Dept. & State Wayne Theater; amendments to FY '02-'03 budget; request to hold Sidewalk Sales/July 24, 25 & 26; amendment of General Employees Assoc. collective bargaining agreement regarding health insurance benefits for early retirement. Moment of Silence for Skender Gocaj, Westland Police Officer and family business owner in Wayne. Received and filed Communications & Reports & Consent Calendar. Adjourned to Closed Meeting at 9:17 p.m. to discuss the purchase of real estate & receive legal opinion.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Inkster will receive sealed bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan until 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for the

INSTALLATION OF AN AIR CONDITIONER SYSTEM

Specifications may be picked up after 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 26, 2003 from the Purchasing Department 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Questions regarding the specifications should be directed to Jerome Bivins at (313) 563-2821, Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

THE CITY OF INKSTER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO AWARD SPLIT BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND ACCEPT ANY BID IT MAY DEEM TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

Kimberly Turner, CMC
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Wayne fire chief to become city contractor

Scott Spielman
Editor

Although Monday is the date set for Wayne Fire Chief Rob Dahlman to retire, don't expect him to take a long vacation immediately afterward.

In fact, Dahlman will be back to work the next day in virtually the same role.

"I'm supposed to retire on the 30th, but I'll be back on the following day," he said.

Dahlman and the city entered into a new agreement designed to save the city money

and ease the transition for department as it is moved into their new fire station, which should be completed by next spring.

Under the agreement, Dahlman will be a contractor for the city, he said. It'll help save the city money in the form of wages and medical benefits, which will be paid for from Dahlman's retirement fund.

"His salary will be less as a contractor," said Robert English, personnel director for the City of Wayne. The contractual agreement expires June 30, 2004.

Dahlman said the decision was easy to

make in light of the tough budget conditions the city has faced. Wayne has been faced with shrinking revenue that originates in a loss of population from the last U.S. Census, reduced state-shared revenue and reduced interest income.

"This helps the city out and it helps me

out," said Dahlman.

The plan is beneficial in another way, too, English said.

"It basically gives us an additional 12 months to find out who the next fire chief is going to be," he said. "The continuity of it just makes sense."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 06-03-03 PROPOSED REZONING MAP

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

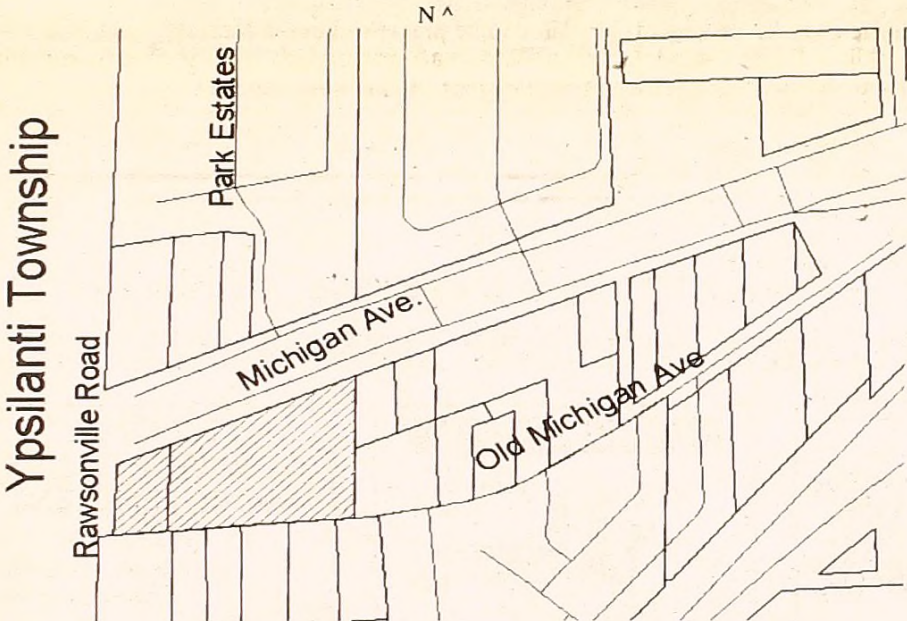
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 06-03-03

To rezone parcel numbers: V125-83-022-99-0011-000 and V125-83-022-99-0010-000 from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business).

Legal Description of Property:
Parcel number V125-83-022-99-0011-000 and Parcel number V125-83-022-99-0010-000, located on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Rawsonville Road and Main Street.



Section 2. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.

Section 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2003.

Yeas: Jahr, Rochowiak, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and King.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 06-03-03 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

Adopted: June 17, 2003
Effective: June 26, 2003
Publish: June 12, 2003
June 26, 2003

THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: BID 03/04-02 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM BID 03/04-03 — ELECTRIC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE BID 03/04-04 — GRAVEL, LIMESTONE & SAND BID 03/04-07 SIGN POSTS BID 03/04-08 TIRES & TIRE REPAIR SERVICE

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing romuluspurchasing@icwww.net.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2003. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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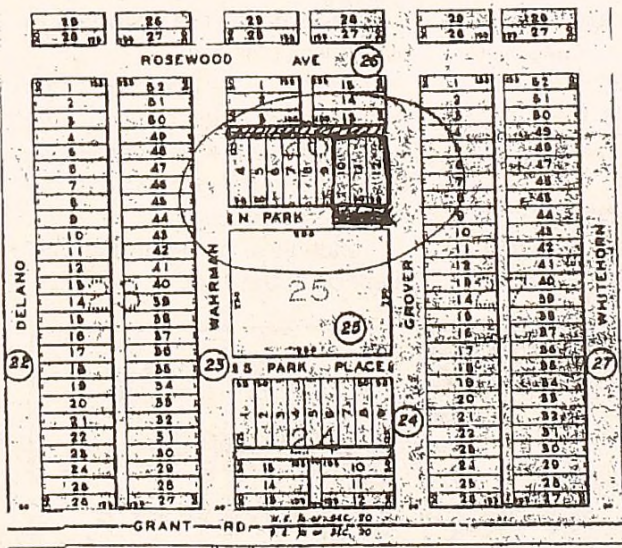
- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS STREET & ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of a portion of North Park Place and the adjoining alley as follows:

Vacate the entire alley abutting lots 3 through 13 Block 26 inclusive, Junction Subdivision, also the east 98 feet of North Park Place, abutting lots 10 through 12 inclusive.



Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, July 28, 2003.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

Water and sewer rate hike OK'd in Wayne, Westland

Scott Spielman
Editor

Like those throughout the Detroit Metropolitan community, residents and business owners in Wayne and Westland will notice a change in their water and sewer rates next month.

And it's not for the better. Water and sewer rates in both communities will increase next month in response to a similar increase passed on by the Detroit Water and Sewer Board.

In Westland, the rates will increase to \$2.12 per thousand gallons for residential water users and to \$3 per thousand gallons for residential sewer rates, an increase of about 6 percent, according to Mayor Sandra Cicirelli.

"Many other communities were forced to raise their rates a lot higher," she said. "I think we did pretty good."

Monthly industrial waste control charges also increase from \$6.21 for a 5/8-inch meter to \$1,431.30 for a 48-inch meter.

Residents in the City of Wayne were less fortunate. They'll see an increase of more than 15.2 percent in water rates and almost 10 percent in their sewer rates, according to Robert English, assistant city manager.

The water rates will jump from \$1.97 to \$2.27 per thousand gallons. The sewer rate will rise from \$3.07 to \$3.36 per thousand

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gallons, he said.

He said a variety of things led to the increase, notably a 27.16 percent increase in water rates passed on by Detroit and an 8.78 increase in costs passed on from the Wayne County Sewer Department.

The increases are also needed to pay for the replacement of \$600,000 worth of aging sewer mains and to set aside \$150,000 to fix water main breaks and restore the streets after those repairs.

"The rising cost of supply and disposal plus internal costs including debt service and replacement contribute to the increase," English said. "The (new) rates shall ensure efficiency of revenues in meeting operation,

maintenance and replacement costs, as well as debt service."

Cicirelli said the Detroit Water and Sewer Board has forecast additional double-digit increases in the coming years as officials grapple with an aging water and sewer system that may cost as much as \$1 billion to fix. She said sometimes city councils have little choice than to pass on those increases to residents.

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Employees reported the theft to township police around 7:55 a.m. Saturday, June 14, after

arriving for work, according to reports.

When police arrived they found one car missing all four wheels and tires, propped up on landscaping stones that the perpetrators had dragged over to it.

Police found a hydraulic jack left underneath the propped-up auto, the report said.

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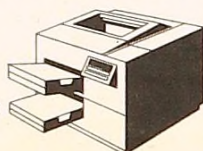
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SPORTS

Inkster resident starts varsity track feeder club

Scott Spielman
Editor

School may be over for the summer, but the athletic fields at John Glenn High School are still buzzing with activity.

They're the home practice fields for the Michigan Accelerators, a team of track stars and track hopefuls from throughout western Wayne County.

The team was put together last year by James Hall, who was himself a track standout at Dearborn Robichaud High School. An Inkster resident, he said he wanted to put together a feeder club that would keep kids in shape during the summer and help

make them more competitive when the varsity clubs go back in action during the school year.

"Our main focus is the old statement that it takes a village to raise a child," he said. "Our par-

ents get involved in this. We look out for each other. It's a wonderful family atmosphere."

He started the club with two kids last year and the team now has about 40. The desire for it sprang up when he moved back to Michigan - he had spent the last decade in Atlanta, GA, where he organized a similar team.

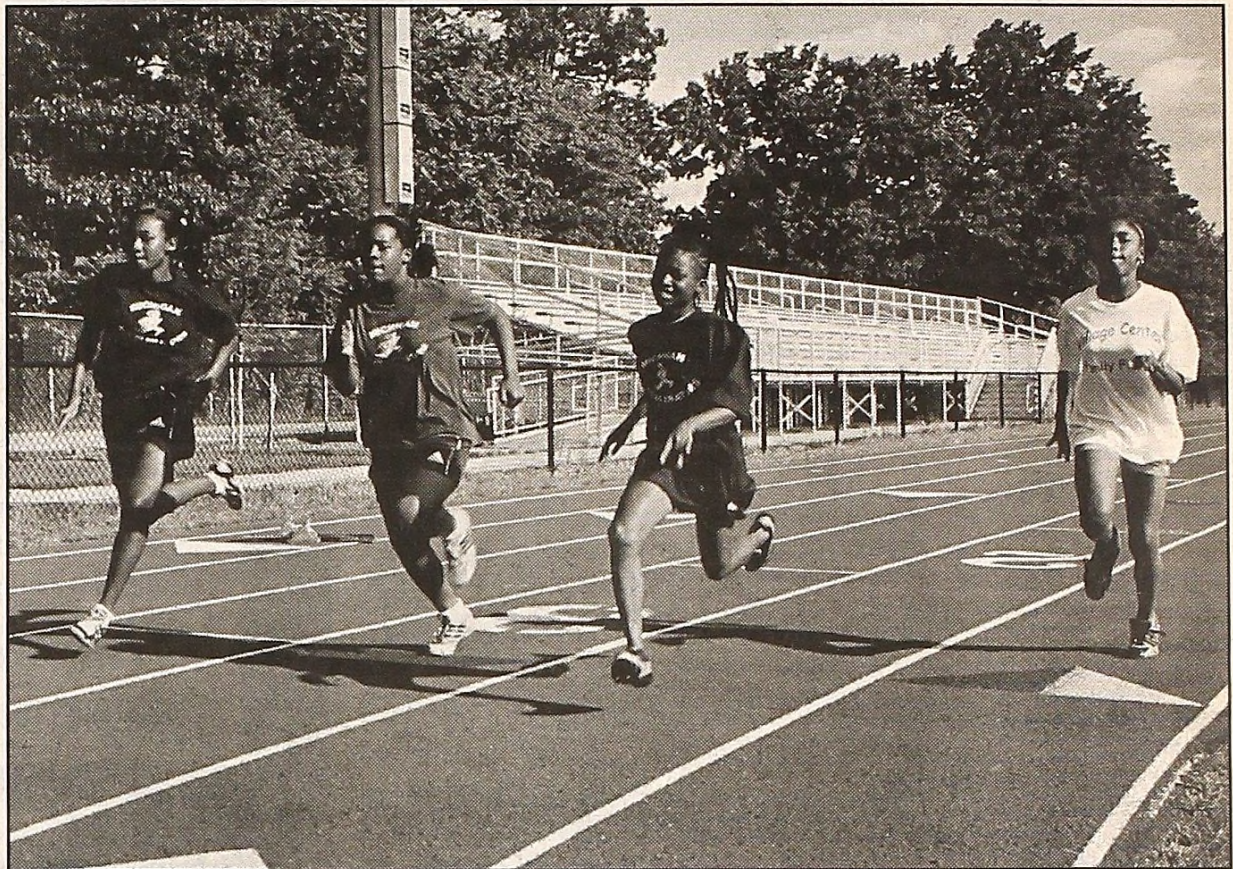
This time around, he's working with his old coach and mentor, Fran McCauley, the athletic director at Robichaud.

"This is something I wanted to do for a long time," McCauley said. He also coaches the girls' track team at Robichaud, a school where he's worked for about 33 years.

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Fran McCauley
Athletic director,
Robichaud



Members of the Michigan Accelerators track team practice throughout the summer at John Glenn High School. The two-year-old team is a "farm club" for varsity programs, according to Coach James Hall.

The team travels to competitions throughout the state, according to Hall. It's affiliated with the U.S. Track and Field Association, the Amateur Athletics Union (AAU) and the junior Olympics. He said the

main goal of the program, though, is to keep the kids active, to give them something positive to do and to help them develop for their high school or college athletic careers.

Hall has students from

Robichaud, John Glenn, Inkster and Livonia.

"I've got some of the best kids in the state," he said. "We've got kids from all over the area, and

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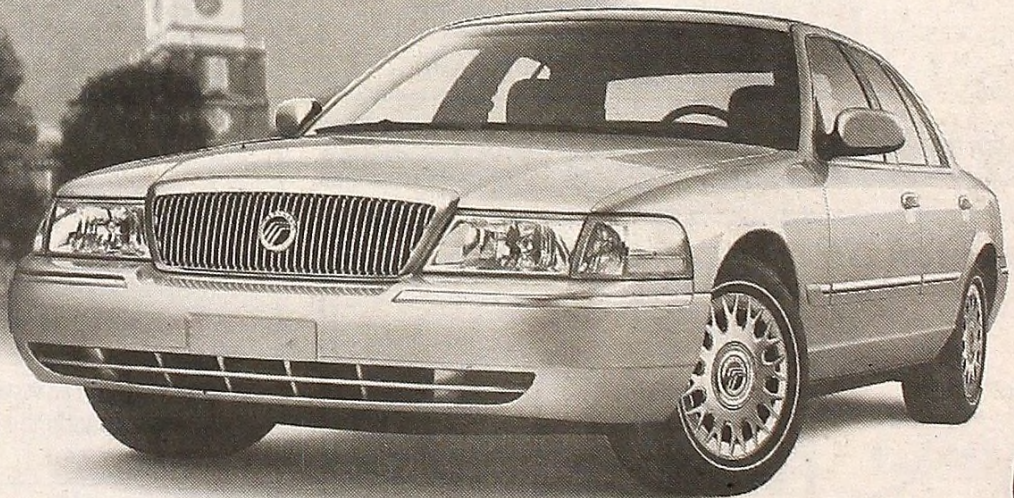
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Team members (left to right) Lyndsay Gibson, Tonia White, Marika Wise and Joycelynn Flowers said they enjoy the camaraderie and the competition.

Run - Club attracts top track and field talent

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we've earned a lot of respect."

Parental involvement is a big part of the club, he added. Many parents were very eager to take part because they said it was easy to see the value of the club.

"They enjoy it," said Nadine Flowers, who has two daughters on the Accelerators. She gave Hall a lot of credit for pulling the kids together and inspiring them. "They're very proud of him," she said. "He really works well with the kids."

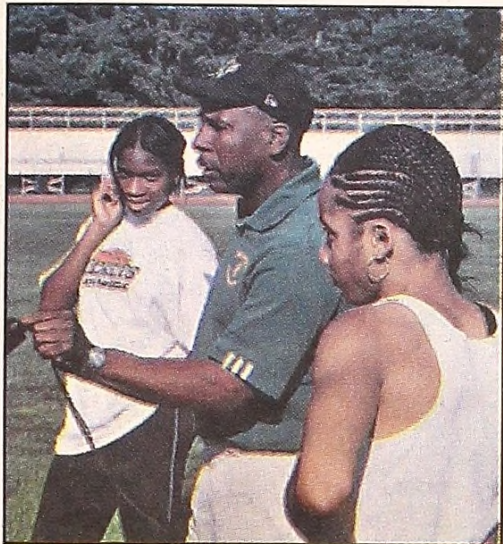
The athletes themselves said they enjoy the extra competition, and the camaraderie.

"It keeps us in shape throughout the year," said Tonia White, one of the two original Accelerator team members. She runs track for the John Glenn Rockets and narrowly missed qualifying for the state competition last month.

Marika Wise, another Accelerator who will attend Eastern Michigan University on a scholarship, said the team helps athletes stay physically loose and mentally focused, too.

"It's an opportunity to meet kids from other schools," she added.

Lyndsay Gibson was a little more philosophical in her approach. She said the extra competitions were a good way to



Coach James Hall gives out some advice before another practice run at John Glenn High School.

work out nagging injuries and improve overall stamina.

"Pain is temporary, but glory is forever," she said.

Hall said he hopes the team will continue to improve and grow as its notoriety gets around. Even if it doesn't, he said he's still committed to helping the kids out and running the program with his old mentor.

"It's a great benefit for the kids," he said. "It helps keep them active. And it's just in my nature to do this."



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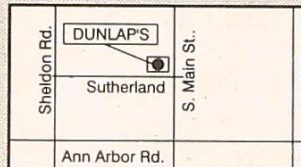
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